

Washington's Traffic Records Committee and the Electronic Traffic Information Processing (eTRIP) Initiative

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Presenters

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Purpose of Appearance

Provide Board members with an overview of the State's traffic records system and current initiatives and projects that affect justice partners. In addition, the presenters will describe the Electronic Traffic Information Processing (eTRIP) Initiative and demonstrate the vision for a seamless and integrated system for information travel from point of origin to its end use and analysis. Discussion will cover how JINDEX provides an essential service for this vision.

Additional background information regarding the Traffic Records Committee can be found on page two of this report.

Topics

- Role of the Traffic Records Committee (TRC)
- TRC's Strategic Plan
- Projects Portfolio
- eTRIP Initiative
- Statewide Electronic Collision and Ticket Online Reporting (SECTOR) Software
- eTRIP and JINDEX Exchanges

Issues

- Success is dependent on effective communication between DIS and eTRIP stakeholders
- Long-term success of integrated statewide efforts is dependent upon the existence of a robust JINDEX.

Previous Justice Information Network Board Appearances

None.

Recommendation to the Board

No action is requested at this time.

Traffic Records in Washington

The Washington Traffic Records Committee (TRC) is a statewide stakeholder forum created to facilitate the planning, coordination and implementation of projects to improve the state's traffic records system. The TRC is a partnership of state and local interests from the transportation, law enforcement, criminal justice, and health professions. In addition to the TRC, an Oversight Committee with executive level representation from the primary participating agencies provides executive leadership in creating strategies and allocating resources. This committee further enhances collaboration while ensuring that project goals are in alignment with individual agency priorities. Together, these committees foster understanding among stakeholders and provide an appropriate venue to formulate mutually beneficial projects to improve the timeliness, accuracy, and accessibility of statewide traffic data.

In November 2003 the TRC hosted a state traffic records assessment conducted in cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), a division of the U.S. Department of Transportation. This assessment provided a number of recommendations as to how the current system architecture could be improved. In addition, the TRC held numerous strategic planning sessions to develop a foundation for the state's future direction in traffic records. As a result of these efforts, the TRC has created the Washington Traffic Records Strategic Plan. This document serves as a blueprint for future improvements to the state's system of collecting, distributing, and using traffic records data. The strategic plan lays out clearly defined goals and objectives and provides an inventory of projects for accomplishing the established priorities.

Participating Agencies

- ☐ Washington State Patrol
- ☐ Administrative Office of the Courts
- ☐ Association of Washington Cities
- ☐ County Road Administration Board
- ☐ Department of Health
- ☐ Department of Transportation
- ☐ Federal Highway Administration
- ☐ Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- ☐ Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- ☐ Seattle Police Department
- ☐ Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
- ☐ Washington Traffic Safety Commission
- ☐ Justice Information Network
- ☐ Department of Licensing
- ☐ National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- ☐ Pierce County Sheriff & Tacoma Police

Primary among these projects is the Electronic Traffic Information Processing (eTRIP) Initiative. This initiative is comprised of a series of projects that collectively carry out the strategic plan objectives of reducing paper-based data collection and accompanying exchanges throughout the state. Through a collaborative partnership of both state and local agencies, eTRIP will help create a seamless and integrated system for information travel from point of origin to its end use and analysis.